

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments, and the following remarks, Applicant requests favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application.

Claims 84-90 are now pending in this application, with Claims 84 and 86 being independent. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 84-86.

Claims 84-90 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,917,947 (Ishida, et al.). Applicant traverse this rejection.

As generally recited in independent Claims 84 and 86, Applicant's invention is directed to, in part, a method of creating an image formed as a plurality of bands, the bands being formed independently of data included in the bands, with each of the bands representing an independently displayable portion of the image. Each of the bands is stored as independent compressed pixel image data. Also, each of the bands is configured for independent manipulation, the manipulation of the image including at least one of compositing the image and editing the image.

With such an arrangement, it may be possible to use a small amount of memory to retain a particular decompressed band of the image so that the various manipulation functions can be performed on the decompressed pixel image data. This may allow for manipulation of an image on a band-by-band basis, while retaining the bulk of the image in a substantially compressed format. As now recited, the manipulation includes compositing and/or editing of the image.

Ishida, et al. is directed to a method of processing compressed image data. Applicant submits that that document does not suggest storing different bands as independent compressed pixel image data such that each of the bands is configured for independent manipulation, wherein the manipulation includes compositing and/or editing the image.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that Ishida, et al. fails to disclose or suggest at least the features of creating an image formed as a plurality of bands, wherein each of the bands is stored as independent compressed pixel image data, whereby each of the bands is configured


for independent manipulation, the manipulation of the image comprising at least one of compositing the image and editing the image, as generally recited in independent Claims 84 and 86.

The remaining claims in the present application are dependent claims which depend from the independent claims discussed above, and thus are patentable over the documents of record for reasons noted above with respect to those independent claims. In addition, each recites features of the invention still further distinguishing it from the applied documents. Applicant requests favorable and independent consideration thereof.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant requests withdrawal of the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103, and allowance of this application.

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